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# ILA's New President

Mrs. Dorothy C. Hickey, the president of the Association, is a native of Iowa and obtained her degree in librarianship from Simmons. She has a varied background starting her first position in librarianship as a reference assistant in Des Moines; then moved on to the Iowa Library Commission. She also held a position as a children's librarian in Minneapolis; and for a time was librarian in charge of the LC catalog in New Mexico.

She served as assistant circulation librarian in Nebraska for a year; and then was reference librarian in Kalamazoo College; and spent a summer as reference librarian at Western Michigan State College. Other experiences include some time as a high school librarian in Comstock, Michigan; as well as armed forces experience serving at the U. S. Naval Air Missle Test Station at Point Mugu and the Marine Recruit Depot at San Diego. Prior to coming to Idaho in the fall of 1957 Mrs. Hickey served as librarian at the U. S. Naval Air Station, San Diego. She has been head librarian of the Idaho Falls Public Library since 1957. Mrs. Hickey is the authoress of two books and has contributed to various professional periodicals.

Idaho librarians can be assured of continued progress in all fields during Mrs. Hickey's administration as she is deeply interested in progress of Idaho libraries.

—The Editor

# President's Foreword

Dorothy C. Hickey

Many Idaho librarians and trustees were in attendance at the PNLA Conference in Eugene, Oregon this September where our own Arthur L. DeVolder was most capable in the office of President, and his wife, Jean, most gracious as the President's Lady. Surely Idaho can be proud of such representation.

There was both challenge and inspiration at the Conference. The challenge came from hearing of the many possibilities for expanding and strengthening library services. Practical thinking indicated careful planning and hard work would be the price for such services. The inspiration came from seeing and talking with so many intelligent people who consider the library THE most important educational institution in our world; for the library is the only institution that is unhampered by creed or color, economic, political or social affluence. The library is the only one which gives every citizen the opportunity to be informed, to continue learning through his entire lifetime.

Why then is library service so scarce in Idaho? Mr. John Veblen, Attorney and President of the Friends of the Seattle Public Library, in talking about the problems of expanding library services said "You must know what a problem is before you can solve it, and when you know your problem it is 90% solved." Is, then, our problem to learn exactly what our problem is? Could it be a matter of salesmanship? We know the solid worth of good libraries. Could it be that each of us, in our own community must, by same magic, inform our neighbors so that they will no longer tolerate living without a library and will demand a library where they may keep themselves informed, able to meet the responsibilities of today's citizenship intelligently and where, also, they may find the joys of ever growing knowledge.

Will you all join your Executive Board in thinking our problem through, then share your conclusions with us so that we can see our dream of good library service for everyone in Idaho no longer a dream but a reality.

# Proceedings

Idaho Library Association Convention

Sun Valley, Idaho—May 4-6, 1961

In 1960 at McCall, during the biennial meeting of the Idaho State Library Association, amendments were made in the consitution which changed the name of the organization to **Idaho Library Association** and also changed the biennial district meetings to annual meetings.

**Thursday, May 4, 1961**

**FIRST GENERAL SESSION**

The first general session was called to order in the Opera House promptly at 1:30 by President Blanche Kurtz who welcomed guests and emphasized the convention theme "Cooperation for Quality Libraries".

Mrs. Nancy Jarvis, the treasurer in charge of registration gave her report on registration and new members. She announced a total membership at opening of the convention of 215 members.

A telegram of greetings and good wishes from F. F. Morton, acting president of ALA was read. Shore Lodge also sent a telegram wishing us a most successful convention.

The secretary read minutes of the two meetings of the executive board during the past year, as follows:

**Minutes of ISLA**
**Executive Meeting**
**Kurtz-Prior Room**

**Sun Valley Lodge**
**September 22, 1960**

The meeting was called to order with the following members of the board present:

President ... Blanche Kurtz
Vice President .. Dorothy Hickey
Treasurer Nancy Jarvis
PNLA Representative Lois Hansen
ALA Representative . Lee Zimmerman
Secretary ..... Fern Prior

The ballots, concerning holding ISLA meetings annually instead of biennially as in the past were counted and were found to be 58 to 7 in favor of having annual statewide meetings in the future. The constitution committee is to be cognizant of this and include this in the constitution changes now eminent.

It was moved and seconded that the name also be changed and included in the constitution amendments. Because of the constant and increasing confusion of the names of the **Idaho State Library** and **Idaho State Library Association,** it was thought better to change the name of the association to Idaho Library Association.

The treasurer's report was read. To date there is $1208.88 with a few bills outstanding. The bills were $20.00 for telegrams on two occasions to Gracie Pfost and Hamer Budge, and five dollars postage. Authorization was made to pay the bills.

Dorothy Hickey made the motion that each section of the association could spend up to 50c per member of the section by presentation of bills to the treasurer. Seconded by Lee Zimmerman and carried.

In view of the result of the ballot concerning annual meetings, motion was made by Dorothy Hickey and seconded by Lee Zimmerman that a convenient date to be set near the end of April or the first of May and the next

meeting be held at Sun Valley. Carried. (Subsequent consulation set the date for next year's meeting at Sun Valley, May 4,5,6, 1961.) Locations for meetings were discussed and finally left as it is with conventions alternating between Sun Valley and McCall.

Lois Hansen was appointed convention chairman for the Sun Valley, May 1961 meeting.

It was moved, and seconded and carried that the pre-convention workshops be sponsored by ILA rather than by individual sections of ILA. To correspond with the previous motion the association will extend its usual meeting time to include workshop meetings held in conjunction with the annual meeting.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the chairman for National Library Week be allowed up to $50.00 for communication expenses and that if she needs more the plans must be approved by the Executive Board.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the chairman for the Pilot Program be allowed $50.00 for communication expense and that if she needs more the plans must be approved by the Executive Board.

Constitutional changes were read. Changes additional to those made by the constitution committee were decided necessary. The main additional change was Section 3 of Article 1. Since only the vice-president is elected and succeeds to office of president, the wording of the section was thought to be ambiguous.

The Board advised that the Idaho State Librarian be changed to Director of the State Library when it designates person rather than publication.

The Board advised that the sections should not be named individually in the constitution so that changes will not be necessary each time a section is added or eliminated.

Article IX, Section I—Keeping in mind our vice president is elected and becomes the president, this wording is ambiguous.

Article VII, Section I—In order to keep from giving presidents in odd numbered years more power, it was suggested that these committees remain two-year appointments but that the first three be appointed in even years and last two in odd years (or vice-versa, only so one president appoints two and the other president three).

Article X—Entirely rewritten

Motion was made by Nancy Jarvis and seconded by Lois Hansen that we donate $100.00 to the new A.L.A. Headquarters Building in Chicago.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Fern Prior, Secretary

**Minutes of I.L.A.**
**Executive Meeting**
**December 10, 1960**

The Executive Board of ILA met Saturday, December 10, 1960 at the School Administration Building in Boise with the following members present: Blanche Kurtz, President; Dorothy Hickey, Vice President; Nancy Jarvis, Treasurer; Henry Drennan, State Librarian and Publisher of Idaho Librarian; Lois Hansen, PNLA Representative and Fern Prior, ILA Secretary.

Committee chairmen present were: Marion Bingham (Library Development Committee), Milda Drennan (Publicity Committee) and Reva Nearhood (Legislative Committee). Division Chairmen present were Mr. Elliot (College), Elise Balch (Trustees), Ethel Chatburn (School), and Marion Bingham (stand-in for Mrs. Bell (Public).

The meeting was called to order

by the president after a brief session with coffee and doughnuts.

The changes in the ILA constitution were discussed and it was agreed that changes be voted on as soon as possible. It was also suggested that if the committee in charge would have the printing of the constitutional changes done, the mailing would be handled by Blanche Kurtz. The big changes in the constitution must have a general revision to agree with the annual instead of biennial meetings.

Reva Nearhood reported on the work done by her committee. The Executive Board endorsed the following measures.

1. Double taxation be eliminated in case of annexation of County unit into a city unit.

2. Increase membership of the State Library Board to 5 and allow only 2 terms of 4 years each. (The two terms were questioned and the consensus is that the number terms ought to be left up to the governor making the appointment).

3. Change the law to read that the State Library Board "determines the policy" instead of spelling out its various duties as it does.

Mrs. Nearhood received congratulations on a job well done. She requested $100.00 for postage, clerical and general expense money for her committee to continue the work. Motion was made by Lois Hansen, seconded by Dorothy Bosselman, then carried by the voting members present that bills for money spent by this committee up to $100.00 be sent directly to Nancy Jarvis for payment.

Mrs. Nearhood resigned her position of Legislative Chairman because of her unavailability during the legislature and her resignation was accepted with regret.

After much discussion it was decided to ask Mrs. Lesser, a member of the Boise Public Library Board to "carry the ball" for us during the convening of the Legislature.

A resume of moneys allowed committees was given by Nancy Jarvis. Besides the 50c per member allowed each section the Board also allowed:

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| $100.00 | Legislative Committee |
| 50.00 | National Library Week |
| 200.00 | President's fund for miscellaneous expense |
| 50.00 | Pilot Program |
| 50.00 | Library Education Committee |
| 50.00 | Publicity Committee |
| $500.00 | Set aside for special projects. |

Elise Balch reported on a question to be submitted to the State Board at its next meeting and to open it for discussion. Lois moved that ILA go on record as recommending to the State Library Board, State Department of Education and the Governor that a position be established in the state library for a state consultant to childrens library work and that the ultimate aim be to establish a permanent position in the State Department of Education for a school library supervisor. Dorothy Bosselman seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The voting showed unanimously that the ILA executive board was not favorable to a school supervisor in the State Library for the following reasons:

(1) A State Library employee working in public schools could only recommend, but would have no authority.

(2) In various states where this arrangement has been tried, it has failed and caused disharmony.

Dorothy Bosselman reported on her committee's work on National Library Week. In addition to the two notices she mailed out; (1. a list of committee members for each region; 2. a list of suggested activities) she gave plans for statewide billboards which can be purchased from the National Library Committee for $6.00 each. Indi-

vidual mottoes can be added for $5.00 each. Mr. Drennan obligated the State Library for mottoes on ten signs. Nancy Jarvis moved and Dorothy Bosselman seconded that we buy ten signs and engage the Markham agency to place signs at best locations available on the main roads of the state. It was suggested that all libraries that can afford to do so also purchase the billboards. Motion passed.

Henry Drennan presented a bill of $15.63 for printing the ILA stationery since the supply of ISLA was exhausted. Dorothy Bosselman made and Nancy Jarvis seconded the motion that we pay the bill. Passed.

Maxine Slagowski was unable to attend, but Dorothy Bosselman read her report. Mrs. Slogowski reported that her committee was working and would continue to do so; but her committee would meet with the committee appointed by the State Text Book Committee (which is made up of administrators) only if our ILA committee receives the credit for drawing up the standards. Ethel Chatburn explained the attitude of the Text Book Committee and Lois Hansen moved and Nancy Jarvis seconded, that after the Executive Board has approved the standards (so the committee would have backing of ILA) Mrs. Chatburn should send them to Mr. Engelking and each member of the Text Book Committee. It was also suggested that the Board would appreciate having Maxine Slagowski invited to talk to the Text Book Committee at its meeting at Moscow.

Henry suggested that he is receiving no help that he doesn't specifically solicit for the **Idaho Librarian** and that with no help and the increasing cost of publishing it, it may be necessary to change the editorship in the near future.

The general program and the sectional meetings for ILA meeting at Sun Valley in May were discussed.

The National Pilot Program has agreed to allow a speaker or speakers for the school section. Henry Drennan thought he could get a speaker for the college section. The Public Library section has no plans for a speaker and the Trustees expect to have a workshop.

A tentative program was approved as a basis for planning

**Thursday, May 4**

12:00 Registration
Informal lunch
2:00 Geneal meeting
Introduction of Guests
Guest speaker
4:00 Informal reception for guests
6:30 Dinner
Speaker—Pilot Program
8:30 Exhibitors
Executive Board

**Friday, May 5**

8:00 Sectional Breakfasts
9:30 General meeting
Guest speaker
12:00 Luncheon
Speaker—Sup't on Standards
1:30 Sectional meetings
6:30 Dinner

**Saturday, May 6**

9:30 Business meeting
12:30 Luncheon
Reports
Resolutions
New Officers
2:00 Executive Board

Travel expenses of Dorothy Bosselman, Nancy Jarvis and Blanche Kurtz were approved. Meeting adjourned.

Fern Prior, Secretary

**First General Session continued)**

Mrs. Elise Balch, president of the State Library Board, introduced Mrs. Cynthia Willet, president of the Colorado Library Association, and Field Worker of the Colorado State Library.

Mrs. Willet gave the keynote address on "Cooperation Includes

Quality Libraries." After demonstrating that a "Quality Library" means the same fundamental things to all librarians in all types of libraries she elaborated on the following methods of cooperation:

"When we raise the standards for any type library, we improve all libraries . . . Cooperation means working on any library legislation—eliminate any competition for finances . . . The first step in strengthening library . . . Competition and duplication between types of libraries should be eliminated and sharing of holdings, staff and facilities should take their place . . . Every library should have an overall library program for the ultimate benefit of the community . . . The most fertile field for librarians is the field of Public Relations among lay people, patrons, administrators, trustees, and government officials in hope that they can help develop or support plans for optimum service from the library . . . "

(As Mrs. Willet's speech was taped, it can be borrowed from the Idaho Library Association. The speech should be of interest to lay groups, teachers, and especially legislators to whom proof is needed that the library dollar gives more value than any other tax dollar).

Rita Lindberg, Convention Exhibits chairman, introduced the nine exhibitors and thanked them for being present.

Lee Zimmerman gave the report of the nominating committee and announced the following members elected to office.

Alice McClain, Associate Librarian, I.S.C.—Vice President/President Elect

Edith Lancaster, Librarian, Nazarene College—Treasurer (2 year term)

Charles Webbert, Social Science Librarian, U. of I., PNLA Representative (2 year term)

Mrs. Dorothy Hickey, chairman, gave the report of the committee for National Library Week and thanked all those who participated. She said Idaho was one of 26 states that had received the Governor's active support by proclamation.

Eli Oboler gave the report of the school library survey which he and the members of the Library Education Committee had conducted. They contacted all school superintendents, then compiled data and furnished a mimeographed copy to each person who registered. He concluded by saying:

"The Library Education Committee feels that the certification study has some immediate results and may result in some long-range planning and actual achievements. In the first place, the large percentage of replies from superintendents would indicate an interest in this question by those gentlemen. It also, undoubtedly, stimulated some interest in the minds of those who had not thought of this previously. In the second place, the majority of replies from the questionaire seemed to indicate that there is a general feeling that standards for school librarians in Idaho need to be raised."

". . . Finally, the results of the questionaire, plus the interview with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and comments by the two national leaders in the field, combine to make it pretty clear that we are not going to have certification of school librarians in Idaho overnight. The Idaho Library Association, State Department of Education, the State Library, the institutions of higher education in the State, the school superintendents, the school boards, and interested citizens might all work together to make what seem to be agreed upon goals come true. It will not happen without some compromise and without meeting

of minds among the various interested groups. The Idaho Education Association might well be among the groups whose help is solicited within the near future."

"If, as one school superintendent said in southeastern Idaho, 'Every school must be built around the library,' and if 'the librarian must be **highly** qualified', we can no longer tolerate a situation in our state which puts us at or near the bottom in the entire United States. Training and education of the people who are in charge of our school libraries to us seems as worthy a goal as having the best basketball players or the best football players or the best baton twirlers in our country. With our limited resources, we can probably never match the top standards, but certainly we can work together to be well above the bottom."

**SECOND GENERAL SESSION**

**Thursday Evening Dinner Meeting, May 4**

The afternoon meeting was recessed at 4:30 p.m. and resumed at 6:30 p.m. with dinner in the Ram. Eli Oboler, as Master of Ceremonies, introduced Mr. John Carson Rather, College Research Specialist in the Library Services branch of the Health, Education and Welfare Deparment, Washington, D.C. In his thoroughly delightful speech he gave statistics and analyzed them to give a current picture of academic libraries.

The exhibitors held open house after the dinner for visiting delegates and guests.

**Friday Morning May 5, Breakfast Meeting**

Friday morning breakfast was served in the Ram. Mrs. Elise Balch, Chairman of the State Library Board introduced Mrs. John Hayes of Twin Falls. Mrs. Hayes is a past president of the National P.T.A. and author of a recent book about the early days in Southern Idaho and Northern Utah. She spoke of her knowledge of the people in her book "The Adventures of Hedvig and Lollie" and her experiences in writing this type of book. Mr. Hayes had drawn to scale the maps on the end papers of the book and the adventures of the two children can be traced on the map. The Association was delighted with her talk and happy to have her added to the list of authors who had addressed the group over a period of years.

**THIRD GENERAL SESSION**

Friday morning, May 5, the third general session was called to order by Mrs. Fern Prior, Idaho chairman of the School Development Program which is subsidized by American Association of School Libraries. She introduced the theme "Working together to develop school library programs to meet todays educational needs".

Miss Gladys Lees, Regional Director of the School Development Program representing A.A.S.L. spoke on "School Library Standards for Quality Education." She emphasized the philosophy behind the ALA School Library Standards as an intermediary step. The new trends in education made the new standards necessary, she stated. The new text books, the Trump plan, team teaching, the Rutger's plan, teaching machines, individualized reading programs have all required a great many books to be accessible. These new methods demand many hours of independent study and inquiry; and to meet this need of students the library must have a large number of good up-to-date books. Miss Lees said the image of the school library has been rapidly changing, and said that children need greater competence in communications and human relations. They need to learn to adjust to change. Annually more

machines are taking over manual labor and man must learn new jobs. Democratic society demands people who are trained in making decisions. All these influence the kind of education we must provide with text books that are out-of-date before they are adopted. These things were considered as the new standards were made both qualitative and quantitative.

(Her speech is taped and is available from I.L.A. It is especially good for use with library groups, school facilities and P.T.A.'s.)

Mrs. Maxine Slagowski with the aid of an overhead projector introduced Idaho's school library standards as the "Stepping Stone" toward the National School Standards. She made constant reference to the fact that although the Idaho standards were low nationally, the suggested standards would be much higher than Mr. Oboler's report showed they are currently. Mrs. Slagowski indicated they would need periodic revision up-ward. These standards, as written and presented, were proposed as a five-year goal at the end of which time they should be revised.

Mr. Delmar Engelking speaking on the topic "Overall picture of school libraries in Idaho" thanked Mr. Eli Oboler for covering that topic so thoroughly in his survey and then made pertinent statements to the great satisfaction of all school librarians present indicating he would continue working for a State Library Supervisor. However, he stated the librarians must help because the legislature had to allot him money and the librarian could help inform that body of our needs. He stressed the point that the Association could aid with publicity on a state and local plane. The librarians should sell School Libraries by entering politics, helping make the party platforms and keeping the public informed. He recommended appointment of a state wide committee to promote the Idaho Standards. He stated his department has accepted and would print, in time, the standards suggested so each superintendent and school librarian would have them by the time school starts this fall. The state-wide committee should make a long range program for school libraries and decide what should be done first. Mr. Engelking suggested something be done to encourage school librarians with little or no training to take courses or summer workshops. In the past such courses in Idaho have failed because not enough students attended to make the course worth while. Finally he stated that he hoped "he could finance through grants two pilot libraries in the state, one in a small school, and the other in a large school, which would serve as models for other school libraries.

Mr. Paul Dempsey, Superintendent of Hailey Schools and past president of the School Superintendents Organization spoke of the financial set-up of schools and the need for librarians to keep superintendents informed of their needs. The "squeaking wheel gets the grease" might have been his theme. The need for good Public Relations and a complete knowledge of the library community was the theme of Henry Drennan, State Librarian. He thought our channels of communication should be wide open so school libraries know and cater to the demands of the individual pupils and teachers in order to make the school library functional. The meeting was adjourned for luncheon.

**Friday Luncheon, May 5**

The luncheon was held in the Ram where Mrs. Dorothy Bosselman, Convention Program chairman, introduced Miss Martha Wilcox. Miss Wilcox told an enthralled audience of her experience on the State Library Bookmobile on its

year's demonstration in Ada County.

**Friday Afternoon, May 5**

From 1:30 until 2:45 the I.L.A. delegates met in pre-arranged homogenous groups where each group discussed "How can we improve school library programs?"; then convened for another general session.

## FOURTH GENERAL SESSION

**Friday May 5**

The fourth general session was called to order by Mrs. Fern Prior, Idaho chairman for A.A.S.L. School Library Development program. She gave a brief summary of the School Library Development Program in Idaho and listed seven goals of the program. These are:

1. Get School Library Section of I.L.A. activated and coordinated in efforts.
2. Get Library Supervision in State Department of Education.
3. Write School Library Standards based on A.L.A. standards and have them adopted by State Department of Education and the Text Book Committee.
4. Appeal to A.A.S.L. for Idaho to become a Pilot State and thereby secure A.A.S.L. speakers and funds.
5. Take a survey of School Libraries to know just where we stand.
6. Make a long range plan and indicate which parts of plan should be first.
7. Continue the work of I.L.A. to have more summer courses for librarians not working for a masters degree in Librarianship.

Mrs. Prior indicated progress has been made in one, three, four and five of the above goals and this was due to the fact that we have all worked together for a common goal.

Mrs. Prior then called for the reports on the group meetings which were designated to help make the short and long range goals and to involve all I.L.A. members in improving school libraries as a step in up-grading their own types of libraries.

Reports of the groups were as follows:

**Group I**

Trustees and Friends of the Library

Moderator Mrs. H. T. Plumb, Boise School Board

Advisor Mrs. John Huffman, Idaho Falls Library Trustee

Reporter Mrs. Helen Thomson, Public Relations Consultant gave the following report:

This group felt that they themselves should first become informed as to the needs and potentials of the school libraries and then become very vocal about them.

They felt theirs was a job of educating the public through every means possible. Media for project was discussed and it was suggested everyone present should go home with an idea which might be most effective in his community.

**Group II, P.T.A.**

Moderator Mrs. John Hayes, Past President National P.T.A.

Advisor Mrs. W. J. Ewing, Library Chairman Boise P.T.A. Council.

Reporter Mrs. Grail Dawson, Hillcrest P.T.A. Boise

Mrs. John Hayes, Past President National P.T.A., Mrs. W. J. Ewing, Library Chairman Boise Council of P.T.A., Mrs. Fern Prior, Elementry Librarian for Boise Schools and Mrs. Grail Dawson Library Chairman Hillcrest P.T.A. participated in the P.T.A. discussion group with Mrs. Hayes as Moderator.

Mrs. Hayes commented on the fact that many P.T.A.'s are at present making financial contribution to school libraries in helping send delegates to conventions and including funds for library books in their annual budgets. Each local

unit should appoint a library chairman; each unit should devote a meeting a year to discussion of library needs; all parents should be kept informed of legislation pertaining to libraries. Another suggestion for the improvement of school library services was that the superintendent of schools, library supervisors and P.T.A. councils work together in consideration of library needs and how they may best be fulfilled. Mrs. Hayes stressed the importance of keeping in mind P.T.A. policy of not interfering with school administration or curriculum.

Mrs. Prior commented that P.T.A. assistance is needed for development of school libraries; the increased budget is still not adequate to establish libraries in the new schools and maintain the old. Books, particularly in the science field, must keep pace with our rapidly changing world.

Mrs. Ewing briefly reviewed the subjects discussed at the workshop for all P.T.A. unit chairmen which had been conducted at the beginning of the school year. Material from the state P.T.A. library chairman was forwarded to local units. She also expressed concern for the plight of the parochial school libraries which are even more dependent on P.T.A. assistance than the public schools.

In January a meeting was called with Mr. Henry Drennan as speaker, to urge all local unit chairmen to acquaint parents in their respective organizations with facts regarding the Ada County Demonstration and impress upon them the importance of establishing a library district and continued library service in Ada County. Mrs. Ewing stated that several P.T.A.'s were using plastic covers on books, thus perserving the attractive jackets as well as prolonging the life of the book itself.

Hillcrest School has found paper backs a suitable supplement to its library. Books are sold once a week under sponsorship of the P.T.A.; they are ordered from Readers' Choice Catalog wich is sponsored by Scholastic Book Services, a division of Scholastic Magazine. Books are bought in large quantities at discount prices with profit going into a fund for additions to the school's permanent library. Prices range from 25c to 50c; they contain varied subject matter: biography, animal adventure, avaition, mystery, with science fact and fiction the most popular. Between November 3, 1960 and May 4, 1961, 871 books were bought by 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students for their personal libraries.

In January, with the assistance of Mrs. Prior, 24 volunteer mothers were organized to staff the library for 3 hours a day to relieve the teachers of routine tasks, such as checking books in and out, and increase library privileges of the students. The teacher-librarian performs the technical duties, such as filing, record keeping, inventory, etc.

A book drive was P.T.A. sponsored to coincide with National Book Week. Books will be carefully screened; all not suitable for an elementary library will be exchanged for rebinding and repair services. Through the Add-A-Book program parents were provided with a list of books and suggested grade levels and an invitation to buy a book for the library in their child's name; name of donor is stamped in the front of the book and that student has first access to the book. The Book Nook column in the monthly school paper "Hillcrest Highlights" keeps students informed of new books added to the library as well as making parents library conscious.

By working in close cooperation with principals, teacher-librarians and library supervisors P.T.A.'s

have many contributions to make to school libraries until the goals set forth in Standards for School Libraries have been realized.

**Group III, Secondary Librarians**
Moderator: Mrs. Gwen Stalker, Librarian, Chairman of Federated Women's Clubs and chairman of Reading and Library Services for Idaho P.T.A. Advisor: Miss Gladys Lees, School Development Program Representative from A.A.S.L.
Reporter: Mrs. Marjorie Fairchild, Librarian, Borah High School, Boise, gave the following report.

In our school libraries section meeting, we went on record as approving the hiring of the state library supervisor, by the State Department of Education—not so much needed by the larger libraries with trained staff, as by small ones with no help or no trained people. The group agreed that a supervisor should serve in an advisory capacity as a consultant, rather than as a "snooper" and a "trouble maker" which some seemed to fear would occur.

The group agreed that all need to make teachers, supervisors and superintendents more aware of the library program, and with the adoption of the new standards librarians would have the help, the money and the time to work with individual students, teachers, and groups. Curriculum change, especially in the fields of social studies and science, puts a tremendous drain on library facilities and librarians have legitimate reasons for asking for more money and help. Need to develop good publicity to give the library significance was stressed; and overall cooperation by librarians, teachers and administration to accomplish goals was urged.

**Group IV, Elementary Librarians**
Moderator, Miss Bess Bays, Principal, Jefferson Elementary Schools, Boise
Advisor, Mrs. Gertrude Newcomb, State Library Board.

Reporter, Mrs. Pauline Anderson, Elementary Librarian, Mountain Home, gave the following report.

The Elementary Librarians met May 5, 1961 in the Holiday Hut, Sun Valley, Idaho with 22 members present. Doris Hoyer, Boise Associated School Curriculum Director; Dick Nelson, Elementary Principal, Boise, Idaho; Donovan Douglas, Director of Certification, State Department; Mrs. Ethel Chatburn, Chairman School Library Section were present as special guests.

Miss Bess Bays, Elementary Principal, Boise acted as a moderator and Mrs. Gertrude Newcomb, State Library Board was advisor.

The group chose three problems for discussion:

First—Personnel and materials are necessary for a good school library program.

The librarians expressed great appreciation for the help of the P.T.A. Mrs. Gertrude Newcomb stated that such help was fine but that we have come to the time to ask these same people to help us politically. They can help to put over the standards which we shall endorse.

Doris Hoyer stated that we have passed the time when the text is enough to give the child. There must be a library, especially at the elementary level where reading habits and tastes are formed.

Centralization could be used effectively to free the trained librarians to work with children; and saving of time could be accomplished by order and process centralization, Dick Nelson pointed out. "Certification at present is not the problem. First, we must get the library; then the librarians. If we have the library and the librarian many administration problems will be solved.'

Donovan Douglas pointed out that the bookmobile is only one

step in library development. Without a long view it might retard development.

Under the discussion of materials Doris Hoyer stressed that materials require the help of a professional. Materials themselves are not enough. Children must be taught to use them correctly. Teachers, also, need training to learn what is available and how it may be used.

Mrs. Newcomb reiterated that materials be centrally processed. She stressed that the elementary child must not be shorted of money for library. The elementary is the place to begin library training, so that the right habits be formed.

Bess Bays closed the meeting by quoting former Superintendent of the Boise Schools, Dr. Foy, who once said, "If I must choose where the money goes, I'll funnel it to the Elementary."

Some ideas brought out in discussion from the floor were: Bookmobile helpful; but only to take place of library until it grows up. When handicapped for space, let children examine books after school. Use student help so that library may remain open longer. Use portable carts. Books can be pulled and taken into rooms using them. Provide shelves for reserve books, then the teacher pulls the books her children will use. This saves checkout time. Librarians plan with principal and have time allowed to teach each teacher what is available.

**Group V, Public Librarians**

Moderator, Mrs. Milda Drennan, Idaho State Museum
Advisor, Mr. Henry Drennan, Idaho State Librarian
Reporter, Miss Martha Wilcox, Bookmobile Librarian in Ada County Demonstation, gave the following report.

Since the improvement of the quality of School Libraries is also the responsibility of the Public Libraries, we recommend that there be direct cooperation between School and Public Libraries. Meetings should be called with the Public Librarian, and School Librarian, some member of the Administrative Staff, plus teachers in the area effected, present. The local situation will determine who will call the initial meeting, with assistance from the State Library available if requested.

**Group VI, College Librarians**

Moderator, Eli Oboler, Librarian, Idaho State College
Advisor, Richard Elliott, Librarian, College of Idaho
Reporter, Zane Clark, Ricks College Library gave the following report.

Teacher training courses in Idaho's higher education schools was discussed with the emphasis on under-graduate courses in librarianship that would meet the requirements for a "qualified" librarian in Idaho. Also discussed was the transfer of credits from Idaho colleges and universities to accredited library schools. The consensus was that the most help this group could give to school librarians is to make more library courses available.

A panel of nine invited guests, Mr. Engelking; Mr. James Click (Secretary of Text Committee); Miss Doris Hoyer, Ed. Curriculum Director; Mr. Richard Nelson, Hillcrest Elementary Principal; Mr. Donavan Douglas, Assistant State Superintendent; Gladys Lees; Miss Kathleen Speers, Girls' Counselor from Borah High School; Mrs. John Hayes; Mrs. Plumb, and two members of I.L.A., Mr. Eli Oboler, and Mrs. Maxine Slagowski were on the platform to answer questions and make suggestions.

Mrs. Elise Balch conducted a brain-storming session on methods of getting our standards accepted for school libraries in Idaho. She

asked us to "Think Positively, Think Creatively, Think Big, Think Constructively." She appointed Mrs. Jean DeVolder and Rachel Fenske, to act as reporters.

On the question—"What might we do to help get standards accepted for school libraries in Idaho?" Suggestion were:

1. Have meeting between ILA and Department of Education to discover what standards are and should be.
2. P.T.A.'s start on legislative work next fall.
3. Work on problem of transfer of credit to graduate library schools.
4. Petition for school library support.
5. Use educational television to expand horizons.
6. Set up time-table for standards.
7. Require continued study to maintain certificate.
8. Get school district library supervisor.
9. Enforce Standards.
10. Encourage library boards to furnish money for attendance at convention and make attendance mandatory.
11. Tell local newspaper you attended conference.
12. Elect legislators who believe in standards.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

At five o'clock there was a no-host social hour in the convention room where guests were privileged to view the Fullbright Dutch Art Exhibit which was made available through Mr. Aldrich Bowler.

**BANQUET**

**Friday Evening, May 5**

The Master of Ceremonies for the dinner was PNLA president Mr. Arthur DeVolder, who introduced Mr. Bowler.

Mr. Bowler enthralled his audience by telling of his year in Holland under a Fullbright Scholarship.

A very delightful evening followed with co-chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Randles of Wendell and Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich Bowler of Hagerman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dempsey and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jefferson of Hailey in charge. Special thanks go to this committee since none of them are ILA members and the evening was planned by them merely as a gesture of friendship and approval of the work being done by ILA.

**Saturday Morning May 6**

After breakfast on Saturday the four sections of ILA met in separate quarters.

**FIFTH**
**GENERAL SESSION**
**Saturday May 6**

At ten o'clock the Library Development Committee sponsored the fifth general session. Miss Marion Bingham was chairman and introduced Mr. Walter Botsford, Pocatello Public Librarian, who spoke on "Statewide Cooperation System of Library Services." Mrs. Dorothy Hickey, Idaho Falls, Public Librarian, spoke on "Cooperative Service" and Mrs. Fenske gave the history of and methods for financing public libraries. Henry Drennan summarized the state library program recommendations for the period between 1961 and 1963. He had his developmental program printed and each person was given a copy.

Mr. Drennan mentioned several legal problems confronting the State Library. At present one public library does not have the power to contract with another public library for services, he stated. Furthermore, the three mill levy is much too low a millage to support good public library services. District library boards can determine their own budget and contract with another for services but the law is too complex and requires

too many elections before two countries can join together in library services. He recommended the State Library Board should be composed of five members, geographically distributed instead of four members from Ada County, but since members of the board are appointed by the Governor, nothing can be done about the latter. The advantage in being under the State Board of Education is that employees can all be on State Retirement. Mr. Drennan listed the new services the State Library is giving, and referred us to his Recommendations and tentative time lines.

A discussion followed.

Miss Bingham gave the report of the Library Development Committe. (See under committee reports listed following proceedings)

Meeting recessed.

**LAST**
**GENERAL SESSSION**
**Saturday May 6**

The last general session of the 1961 ILA convened in the Ram at a luncheon meeting.

Mrs. Kurtz opened the meeting by complimenting Miss Bingham on her Library Development Program and especially thanked Miss Lees for her contribution throughout the convention. She thanked Mrs. Drennan and Mrs. Bosselman for the delightful notes and place cards that took care of head table arrangements at every meal of the convention.

Mrs. Hickey introduced the State Representative from Bonneville County, Orvill Hansen. Mr. Hansen is also majority leader of the House.

The committee chairmen who hadn't reported their comittee's activities previously during the convention gave their reports. The resolutions committe read the resolutions. Henry Drennan moved and Mrs. Marie Roberts seconded the motion that all committe reports and resolutions be approved by the ILA. The motion carried and this automatically included Mrs. Slagowski's report on the standards and the two changes made at the convention in conference with Mr. Engelking and announced at that time. The suggested certification requirement was raised from 12 to 15 quarter hours for "qualified" librarians and at the elementary level all librarians must have two standard library courses, namely, School Library Administration and Childrens Literature. It also included the recommendation proposed by Mrs. Drennan who became chairman of History of Idaho Libraries Committee upon the resignation of Mrs. Hickey. Mrs. Drennan requested $300.00 be set aside for publishing the committee's report in 1963, Idaho's Centennial year.

Mrs. Kurtz told of the change in the by-laws concerning the fifty cent fee for membership sections. The dues include membership in one section of ILA. Each additional sectional membership will cost an additional fifty cents.

Mrs. Kurtz presented the incoming officers. Mrs. Hickey announced that Mr. Griffin would be her secretary. She read a resolution thanking the National Library Week Committee but after being moved and seconded, it was tabled, awaiting the outcome of an ALA study on the effectiveness of NLW.

Miss Lees, in her summary of the convention, stated her pleasure at having the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and two of his staff members attend the convention. She complimented them on their fine contribution and cooperation. She was especially pleased that they had accepted the standards, planned to print and send the standards to Superintendents and Librarians. She com-

mended them for raising the requirements in two instances. She spoke of Mr. Engelking's willingness to appoint a state wide advisory committee to implement the standards and hoped that by doing the publicity work needed, he will soon have the funds to appoint a State School Library Supervisor.

The many people present outside the library profession Miss Lees said, was extraordinary. She mentioned the superintendents and principals, supervisors, a college dean of education, and one state representative. Such attendance indicates that others are being interested in improving library service in Idaho.

Mr. Drennan mentioned cooperative buying and cataloging as a means of helping the small libraries. Miss Lees complimented him on his activities; because so often she has seen the small library and its problems entirely neglected during discussion meetings.

She indicated all the discussion speakers, group leaders, and members showed they were prepared, and expressed pleasure in the persons who had planned so well and who had sent participants the materials needed to be well informed.

"Optimism shows this year to replace last year's pessimism" Miss Lees said. She also called attention to Mrs. Balch's "Think Big" idea in the Brainstorming session on Friday and thought this might be a good motto for the association.

She concluded with these words from Thoreau, "For the frontiers are neither east or west nor north or south but wherever a man faces a front."

Mrs. Hickey adjourned the meeting until May 3-5, 1962 at McCall.

Respectfully Submitted
Fern Prior, Secretary 1961

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(Mrs. Blanche Kurtz, president of the association; Miss Lois Hansen, conference chairman; and program chairman Mrs. Dorothy Bosselman are to be congratulated for the total arrangements that resulted in a very smoothly-operated and successful convention. Thanks should also be given to those that attended, for a conference without participants is of no avail! If all participants continue to work for Idaho libraries with great zeal, the goals will be assured. The Editor)

# Resolutions

**Report of Resolutions Committee**

Where as: The Idaho Library Association wishes to express, to all those who contributed, its thanks for a highly successful convention just concluded at Sun Valley.

Be it resolved: That the Secretary of the Association be instructed to write the following letters of appreciation:

To Mr. Roubicek and his staff at Sun Valley for providing such pleasant accommodations.

To the exhibitors for their presence and contributions as well as for the exhibitors evening on Thursday.

To Mrs. Cynthia Willett for her talk and inspiration.

To Mr. John Carson Rather for his enlightening dinner speech.

To Mrs. John Hayes for her charming discussion of her children's book—**The Adventures of Hedwig and Lollie.**

To Miss Gladys Lees for her informative talk on school library standards and her assistance as a panel member and for providing a summary of the meetings.

To Mrs. Maxine Slagowski and

her committee for all their work in preparing the Idaho school library standards.

To all the stimulating panel members for their contributions at the various meetings: Mr. Delmer Engelking, Mr. Paul Dempsey, Mr. Henry Drennan, Mr. James Click, Mr. Dick Nelson, Mr. Donovan Douglas, Mr. Eli Oboler, Mrs. Maxine Slagowski, Miss Kay Speers, Mrs. John Hayes, Mrs. H. T. Plumb, Mr. Walter Botsford, Mrs. Dorothy C. Hickey, and Mrs. Rachel Fenske.

To Mr. Aldrich Bowler for his entertaining banquet speech.

To the co-chairmen of the fun evening Friday; Mr. and Mrs. Walt Randles, Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich Bowler, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dempsey, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jefferson.

To Miss Marion Bingham and her committee for preparing and distributing the PNLA Survey abstracts.

To all the Moderators, Advisors, and Reporters of the Group Discussions.

To Miss Lois Hansen as conference chairman and all those who assisted her so ably.

To all members of Idaho Library Association who gave their time and talents in so many ways on the program.

To all other persons, whose names did not appear on the program to whom thanks should be expressed for their part in the convention.

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

This resolution from the trustees section is sent to the membership meeting of ILA for their information. The conferences will be the trust and responsibility of the trustees section of ILA but we respectfully request the moral support of all members of ILA in this undertaking.

Motion that in order to gain understanding and support from the community structure, we as the trustees section of ILA resolve to try to arrange and program at least three 1-day workshops to be held in the Northern, Eastern and Southwestern sections of Idaho. In addition to library trustees and Librarians, the invited participants to be Legislators, government officials, business executives, and leaders in churches, schools, clubs, school and farm city organizations. The purpose of these workshops to be exploring ways to make public libraries more significant in the community. The help of the State Library to be solicited in obtaining this objective.

Mrs. Helen Smith, Portneuf County Library, President

Mrs. Lola Webster, Madison County Library, Vice President Elect

Mrs. Norma Frew, Madison County Library, Secretary

Mrs. Bernice Huffman, Idaho Falls Public Library, Treasurer

Where as, the Idaho Library Association, in conference assembled at Sun Valley, Idaho wishes to record its strong and unequivocal endorsement of the recent action by the Council of the American Library Association in amending the Library Bill of Rights by adding paragraph 5, which reads, "The rights of an individual in the use of a library should not be denied or abridged because of his race, religion, national origins, or political views." and

Whereas, The Idaho Library Association believes that it is most important and urgent that librarians and library trustees in Idaho and elsewhere work towards the fullest implementation possible of this ideal,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Idaho Library Association go on record with a strong endorsement of both the new statement in the Library Bill of Rights and of its im-

plementation in libraries throughout our state and the nation.

The Public Libraries Section Resolves: In accord with the 1961 convention the theme "Cooperation for Quality Libraries" this section wishes to go on record as favoring direct cooperation with the school Library Program.

College Libraries Resolved: That the recommendation be made to the Idaho State Board of Education, requesting them to encourage and promote more courses in Library Science among Institutions of Higher Learning in Idaho, particularly summer workshops aimed at improving quantity and quality of school librarians.

College Libraries Resolved: Northern Association of Secondary and High School be requested to raise the required number of hours from 9 semester hours to 15 semester hours for teacher-librarians.

Resolutions of the School Library Section of the Idaho Library Association, May 6, 1961:

Resolved—That the Challenger Inn be thanked for its cooperation and concern in making our stay pleasant and our meeting a success.

Resolved—That we thank Miss Gladys Lees for her help as Regional Director of School Library Development Program, and for her gracious help as consultant in our sectional meetings.

Resolved—That we thank Fern Prior for her tireless efforts on our behalf in every phase of this convention.

Resolved—That those people who served as speakers and on panels, sparking interest in school library problems be commended; Mrs. Cynthia Willett, Mr. John Carson Rather, Mrs. Elise Balch, Mrs. John Hayes, Mrs. Maxine Slagowski, Delmar Engelking, Paul Dempsey, Henry Drennan, Mrs. H. T. Plumb, Mrs. Gwen Stalker, Miss Kay Speers, Miss Martha Wilcox, Mrs. Dorothy Bosselman, Eli Oboler, Dick Nelson, Miss Doris Hoyer, Miss Bess Bays, Donovan Douglas and Mr. James Click.

Resolved—That special thanks go to Lois Hansen and her committee for their foresight in planning a very successful convention.

Resolved—That we thank our outgoing president, Mrs. Blanche Kurtz for her special interest in upgrading our status as school librarians.

Resolved—That we go on record as recommending that a State Library Supervisor be hired by the State Department of Education.

Resolved—State Department be thanked for printing and doing work on Standards. Mrs. Marjorie Fairchild, Mrs. Marie Roberts, reporters.

# Committee Reports

**Idaho Library History Committee**

**Report, May 4, 1961**

The project for compiling the histories of Idaho public libraries is well under way. Twenty-seven have been received, two are in the process of being written and one other is available. It is the hope of the committee that publication may be achieved in 1963.

It is recommended that the Executive Board consider setting aside a sum in 1961, 1962, and 1963 to meet printing expenses. An estimate of a minimum cost would be $300.

Milda P. Drennan, Chairman
Mrs. Olive Bess
Mrs. Emily Hood
Mrs. R. Stanley Pearce

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Idaho State Library
Association Ballot

The nominating Committee of the Idaho State Library Associa-

tion submits the following report on the election of new officers. The election was by mail ballot.

For Vice President and President-Elect, 1961-1962 Alice McClain, Associate Librarian Idaho State College, Pocatello

For Treasurer, 1961-1963
Edith E. Lancaster,
Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa

For PNLA Representative, 1961-1963
Charles A. Webbert, Social Science Librarian
University of Idaho, Moscow
Maxine Slagowski
Henry Drennan
Lee Zimmerman, Chairman

# Library Development Committee

**Report 1960-1961**

The project for the year was the preparation of abstracts of the studies in the first two volumes of the Pacific Northwest Library Association Library Development Project Reports, PUBLIC LIBRARIES OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST and ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL LIBRARIES OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST. It is hoped that these abstracts will make the findings and recommendations in the studies more accessible to citizens interested in library development, who might not read the entire volumes, and that they may also attract some people to the books who might not otherwise read them. Volume III, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST was not published in time to be included.

Sub-committees were formed within the Public Libraries Section and the School Libraries Section of ILA with the respective Library Development Committee members acting as chairmen to accomplish the preparation of the abstracts. Serving on the Public Libraries Section committee were Mrs. Pauline Anderson, member of the Mountain Home Public Library Board of Trustees; Mrs. Mary Catherine Greene, Children's Librarian of the Boise Library; Walter Botsford, Librarian of the Pocatello Public Library; Mrs. Rachel Fenske, Assistant Extension Librarian, Idaho State Library; Mrs. Helen B. Deshler, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Osburn Public Library; Mrs. Dorothy Hickey, Librarian, Idaho Falls Public Library; and Miss Edythe Sampson, Librarian, Nez Perce County Free Library, with Marion Bingham acting as chairman. The committee within the School Libraries Section under the chairmanship of Mrs. Maxine Slagowski was composed of Thelma Christiansen, Librarian, Snake River School District, Moreland; Mrs. Elnora Steeples, Librarian, Salmon High School; Mrs. Madge Marshall, Librarian, North Junior High School, Boise; Mrs. Lenore M. Bigler, Librarian, Madison High School, Rexburg; and Mrs. Adela May Hodges, Librarian, Ririe High School. Stencil cutting was done at the Idaho State Library and the Boise Public Library and the mimeographing was done at the Idaho State Library. These abstracts were mailed to the membership of ILA just prior to the conference in preparation for the meeting on public library development.

Members of the Public Libraries Section sub-committee were responsible for the program for the Fifth General Meeting of the 1961 conference of ILA, with the theme "Development of Public Library Service in Idaho." A panel discus-

sion on Cooperative Planning in a Statewide System was followed by a presentation by Henry T. Drennan, State Librarian, of a State Plan for Library Development in Idaho.

It is recommended that the Library Development Committee continue to include in its membership representation from each of the sections of ILA and of the State Library staff and that the plan of enlisting cooperation of sub-committees within each of the three sections with the Library Development Committee member as liaison be continued.

It is recommended that the committee within the Public Libraries Section study the State Librarian's plan for library development and organize informal study groups of public librarians and trustees throughout the state to study the plan. Through this study plan it is recommended that the committee compile the comments, criticisms and approval or disapproval of the public librarians of the state for presentation to the State Librarian and State Library Board for their assistance and support and that the plan as finally endorsed receive the official backing of the Association.

It is recommended that the committee within the School Libraries Section sponsor discussion groups throughout the state to familiarize all school librarians, teachers, administrators and members of school boards with the new school library standards proposed for Idaho and with the American Library Association school library standards from which they were adopted and to inform all persons interested in school library service of the needs of school libraries and the impact a good school library can have on the education system.

It is recommended that a committee be organized within the College and University Libraries Section of ILA to study Volume III of PNLA Project Reports, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY AND SPECIAL LIBRARIES OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST. It is highly recommended that representatives from the special libraries in Idaho be called to serve on this committee. It is recommended that this committee draw up recommendations for action to be presented to the College and University Libraries Section for approval after which they should be directed to the ILA for any official action by the Executive Board or by membership.

THE LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE—Maxine Slagowski, School Libraries; Theron Atkinson, College Libraries; Henry T. Drennan, Idaho State Library; Marion Bingham, Public Libraries, Chairman.

# Section Meeting Reports

### Report of College Section

Mr. Eli Oboler presided and conducted the meeting in his capacity as chairman. A motion was made and carried that the special libraries be given recognition in the name of our group.

Mr. Zimmerman recommended better articulation of under-graduate library courses with those taught by accredited library schools. One of the means of accomplishing this articulation would be to improve the content of courses already offered and be sure these courses were basic enough for any type of library situation.

Mr. Atkinson stressed the possibility of not only improving content but to achieve variety by exchanging instructors among the institutions in Idaho teaching library science, particularly during

the summer.

Mr. Elliot suggested that we start at the top by asking Northwest Accrediting Association to raise their standards from 6 quarter or 9 semester hours to 15 quarter or 18 semester hours.

Mr. Rather stressed the point that only 20% of the graduates of library schools go into school librarianship. He stated that articulation was not the big problem but adding more and better courses to the curriculum.

Several of the members present suggested that people enrolling in undergraduate library science courses be told specifically that these are undergraduate courses and will not be accepted at very many of the accredited library schools.

A. Zane Clark, reporter

**REPORT OF COLLEGE SECTION**
**May 5, 1961**

The College Section of the Idaho Library Association met in the Challenger Inn May 5, 1961, at 8:45 a.m. at which time the members present decided to re-name the section the "College, University and Special Libraries Section" of the Idaho Library Association, and the following points were discussed:

1. The addition of magazines to the duplicate exchange list.
2. An invitation to the larger public libraries of Idaho to become members of the exchange union.
3. Means of implementing the duplicate gifts and exchange work among member libraries.
4. Ways of making certain that a librarian be on the accrediting team when colleges are reaccredited.

Richard G. Elliott
Chairman

# Minutes of the School Section of the ILA

**Sun Valley, May 4, 5, 6, 1961**

The meeting was called to order by the chairman Mrs. Ethel Chatburn at 8:20 a.m. Saturday May 6, 1961. The minutes were distributed and accepted as written.

Mrs. Chatburn reviewed the year's work which had been accomplished since the last meeting.

Resolutions which had been compiled by Mrs. Marjorie Fairchild and Mrs. Marie Roberts were read by Mrs. Roberts. Mrs. Fern Prior made a motion they be adopted. Motion was passed.

The constitution committee composed of Mrs. Illa Darrington and Mrs. Winifred Sunuin read the constitution with suggested changes. Mrs. Prior explained there was no need for a treasurer since all money is to be handled by the ILA treasurer.

Mrs. Blanche Kurtz gave Mrs. Hickey's suggestion of holding the next annual meeting on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Discussion followed. No decision was reached.

Mrs. Maxine Slagowski made a motion we accept the constitution changes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Slagowski was called on to discuss the standards. She explained that the State Department had accepted them and that they will print copies for all schools. One change was made from the original. Fifteen semester hours of library training instead of twelve will be the requirement for Junior High librarians. This is to agree with certification requirements. Since there are no certification requirements for elementary, two classes will be designated as re-

quirements. In case teachers are working under a supervisor, this will not necessarily apply.

Miss Gladys Lees, Regional Director of School Development Program from Tacoma, was a guest. She remarked that elementary libraries should receive as much support as the high schools. There is general support of this opinion, however, Mrs. Slagowski explained that until the program gets under way it is best not to change that part of the standards.

Mrs. Eleanor Lipscomb made a motion we accept the standards as prepared by the committee. Motion was seconded and passed.

Mrs. Chatburn thanked all the members for all the work done and for all the work to be done in the future. She announced that Mr. Engelking is to select a committee to help get the standards into operation.

Mrs. Marie Roberts suggested getting a column in the IEA News for more publicity. Another announcement was that Mr. Eli Oboler received an invitation to travel with the State Department personnel to talk to each of the district meetings of the IEA this fall.

To get every section of the state working on publicity for libraries it was decided to choose a chairman from each IEA district and let them choose the rest of their committee. The following were chosen:

District 1: Mrs. Helen Deshler

District 2: Not decided

District 3: Mrs. Emily Lloyd, Mrs. Zelma Coons, Mrs. Edith Wells

District 4: Mrs. Francis Lamb

District 5: Mrs. Helma Reed

District 6 & 7: Contact Mrs. Bioglor of the IEA for a suggestion.

Mrs. Gwen Stalker asked for suggestions to get word out to P.T.A. groups, principals, women's clubs, etc. but no suggestions were offered.

Mrs. Slagowski said she felt our P.T.A.'s were recognizing the importance of libraries by sending librarians to the conventions. All expressed thanks to the P.T.A. organizations for this help.

Mrs. Adella Hodges made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded and passed.

Minutes submitted by
Crystal Fordyce, Secretary

# Minutes of the Trustee's Section of the ILA

The trustee's section of the Idaho State Library Association met May 6, 1961 at 8:30 a.m. in the Challenger Inn with nineteen members present.

Elise Balch, president of the Idaho Library Trustees' section called the meeting to order. The following panel was introduced and spoke briefly: Mrs. Mary Lesser, Boise Public Library Trustee, spoke on "Qualifications of Board Members."

Mrs. Helen C. Smith, Portneuf Free Library District, Pocatello discussed "Responsibility and Duties of Trustees".

Mrs. Harley Greaves, Preston, advised that a planned agenda is advice on organization.

Mrs. C. W. Pendlebury, Blackfoot, spoke on "Cooperation between Board and Librarian".

Mr. Henry Drennan, Idaho State Librarian, advised that it is best to follow a reliable handbook. He gave some very good advice and listed useful suggestions which he dubbed his "laundry list".

A second panel composed of Mrs. Lola Webster, Rexburg; Marion Bingham, Librarian at Boise Pub-

lic Library; Walter Botsford, Librarian, Pocatello Public Library gave a very interesting and helpful discussion entitled "Selling and Interpreting the Library". Great interest was shown by the group and a very interesting question and answer period followed.

Following the general discussion Elise Balch called the group to order and pointed out that two very important items of business must be completed, First, election of officers and secondly, the naming of delegates to the National Library Assembly to be held in Cleveland, Ohio July 15-17.

The following were nominated: President—Mrs. Helen C. Smith, Portneuf Free Library District, Pocatello; Vice-President and President Elect—Mrs. Lola Webster, Rexburg; Secretary—Mrs. Robert Frew, Trustee, Madison County Library, Rexburg; Treasurer—Mrs. John R. Huffman, Idaho Falls was nominated to a second term.

Mrs. Simon McDonald moved that a unanimous ballot be cast for the above officers. Mrs. E. M. Jergensen seconded the motion. Motion carried and the President declared the above elected.

Mrs. Lola Webster, Rexburg, was nominated as delegate to A.L.T.A. Mr. Roy F. Miller, Pocatello, moved that a unanimous ballot be cast for Lola Webster. Mrs. Frew seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mrs. Helen Smith was named first alternate and Elise Blach, second alternate.

Mrs. John Huffman, Idaho Falls presented the following motion:

"I move that in order to gain understanding and support from the community structure, we as Trustee's Section of ILA resolve to try to arrange and program at least three one-day workshops during the next year. These workshops to be held in the Northeastern, Eastern, and Southwestern sections of Idaho; in addition to library trustees and librarians, invited participants to be legislators, local government officers, business executives and leaders in schools, churches, clubs, and farm and city organizations. The purpose of these workshops to be exploring ways to make public libraries more significant to the community." The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Pauline S. Anderson
Secretary

# Minutes of I.L.A. Executive Meeting

President's Room, Challenger Inn
May 4, 1961

The meeting was called to order by President, Blanche Kurtz. Those present were:

President Blanche Kurtz
Vice President & President Elect . Dorothy Hickey
Treasurer Nancy Jarvis
PNLA Representative . . . . Lois Hansen
ALA Counselor Lee Zimmerman
Vice President Elect . Alice McClain
Treasurer Elect Edith Lancaster
State Librarian Henry Drennan
Secretary . . . . . Fern Prior

Motion was made by Dorothy Hickey, seconded by Henry Drennan that we buy tapes to record all the speeches that take place at the meetings held during the convention at the Opera House. The two tapes required would cost $13.00 each. During the discussion which followed, Blanche Kurtz said she had not spent all the money that was alloted to her in the budget and she would rather buy the

tapes from that fund. The motion was withdrawn.

Alice McClain reported on the constitutional changes. 68 ballots were returned and all amendments to the constitution were passed but the wording is now ambiguous and it will have to have another change to make it clear whether an ex-officio member of the board could also be elected to an ILA office. Alice McClain agreed to send out another ballot and have the constitution printed to include all changes.

Lee Zimmerman also proposed an index to the Idaho Librarian which would be about twenty-five mimeographed pages and which will be sent to all librarians in the state who requested it. Lee Zimmerman moved and Nancy Jarvis seconded that Lee Zimmerman have the index typed on stencils, that Henry Drennan run it off, and that ILA will pay for mailing it out. Motion carried.

A discussion about the publishing of the Idaho Librarian resulted in no action, but Dorothy Hickey suggested a letter be sent to the State Library Board commending them for printing the Idaho Librarian and requesting them to set the terms on which they would continue to do so. Other suggestions were; that if the Association appoint a chairman to get articles for the Idaho Librarian the State Board might re-consider their decision to stop printing it; that Henry Drennan be the chairman and appoint his own editorial and/or advisory board; that we print four issues annually, each one on a single topic such as buildings, weedings, Idaho authors, school libraries, etc. No action was taken pending action by new officers.

All convention bills were allowed. $12.00 was ordered paid to Maxine Slagowski for mailing out the new School Standards.

Nancy Jarvis moved, Lee Zimmerman seconded that the membership fee for belonging to ILA include one sectional group, but any additional section in which a person wishes to maintain membership would mean fifty cents additional membership fee and when paying dues a person must indicate which section (s), so that sectional chairmen can have accurate count of their membership.

Lee Zimmerman moved and Henry Drennan seconded that all monies budgeted to sections and all special funds allotted but not spend revert to the general fund at the end of the Association year. Motion carried.

Henry Drennan moved and Lee Zimmerman seconded that the treasurer's books be audited June 1st and the new treasurer be authorized to pay the auditor up to the amount of $30.00. Motion carried.

Henry Drennan moved and Lois Hansen seconded the suggestion made by Dorothy Hickey that the secretary write a letter of hearty approval to Mr. Boardman for his work for National Library Week. Motion carried and present secretary so ordered.

Dorothy Hickey said she had appointed Mrs. Milda Drennan to head a committee for getting the history of Idaho Public Libraries. Since this can't be a one-person job, she asked us all to cooperate with Mrs. Drennan.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Fern Prior
Secretary, I.L.A.
May 4, 1961

# President's Report May 1960 to May 1961

Blanche Kurtz

Greetings:

World affairs made obvious the need to reinforce existing educational policies and programs. We of ILA, answered the 'call to arms' by centering our energies on a "New Standards for libraries" project which is being supported by more than twenty-eight national service organizations such as the Veterans, PTA, etc.

Our friends and committees, aware of the importance of good school libraries in the construction of educational programs regearing for better schools and programmed instruction began our campaign for "New School Library Standards for Idaho".

Mrs. Maxine Slagowski's Standands' Committee offered us a fine, concrete and realistic foundational program of Library Standards for the Idaho School. Mrs. Fern Prior worked as coordinating officer between our state and the National Standards Program Committee thus making for united purposes and goals.

We are all aware that "School Organization" in a Democracy builds on the concept of the individual achieving; that these standards are a move toward appreciating the uniqueness of children and their need for individualized instruction which will be rich, varied and adjusted to the individual so that he may achieve his potential. Schools begin and public libraries carry on this lifetime purpose.

Mr. Engleking, Mr. Click and Mr. Douglas of the State Department of Education strengthened these standards. Their knowledgeable support also included a recommendation that at least two courses in Library Science dealing in the Human Relations area be added to the college preparation of teachers.

Mr. Weltzin, Dean of Education from the University of Idaho was present at the convention in token of his genuine interest and support of all educational stepping stones to improvement.

Correspondence with people interested in WICHE have assured concerted action to improve library standards in the West.

Other states have requested copies of our standards and I have happily obliged knowing that our project is worthwhile and that we have in Idaho the potential and good sense to be leaders in this movement.

My year as president of ILA saw the fruition of this first step in the hard work of a great many genuinely concerned people dedicated to better libraries in Idaho and to support our educational agencies. These "New School Library Standards" accepted at our convention are a rewarding, concrete realization toward greater goals. I hope these standards are doubled in the next five years. Wars won with words instead of bullets are the only guarantee of lasting peace and "that life that is an endless groping for moral perfection and truth."

The crowning touch to our convention was the wonderful cooperation of the Idaho Art Association. Nations are measured by their Art and Literature. We are proud of their attractive exhibits and social participation.

I present the attached Standards, financial statements, secretary's minutes, committee, convention and sectional reports with honest pride in their authors, and with humble awareness of my own small part. It is good to know too, that

we are turning over to the new officers double the money we inherited and a growing membership along with it. Our very best wishes to the new officers of ILA.

# Treasurers' Report

**July 1, 1959 thru June 15, 1961**

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| Balance on hand July 1, 1959 | | | $ 680.45 |
| Receipts: | | | |
| Individual dues | $1,106.75 | | |
| Institutional dues | 247.00 | | |
| Conference Exhibits fees | 270.00 | | |
| Conference Registration (1960) | 126.00 | | |
| Conference Registration (1961) | 144.00 | | |
| Miscellaneous | 3.25 | | |
| Refund from Edu. Comm. | 31.33 | | |
| | | 1,928.33 | |
| Disbursements: | | | |
| Conference Expense (1960) | 317.70 | | |
| Conference Expense (1961) | 307.43 | | |
| ALA Building Fund | 100.00 | | |
| Tel. & Tel. | 55.26 | | |
| Stationery | 52.82 | | |
| Postage | 102.47 | | |
| School Section | 71.33 | | |
| Trustee Section | 9.91 | | |
| Education Committee | 50.00 | | |
| National Library Week | 110.00 | | |
| Travel to Ex. Bd. meeting | 43.00 | | |
| PNLA Membership dues | 4.00 | | |
| Auditing Expense | 30.00 | | |
| State School Library Standards | 7.08 | | |
| Miscellaneous | 4.00 | | |
| | | 1,265.60 | |
| Receipts exceed disbursements | | | 662.72 |
| Cash on hand June 15, 1961 | | | $1,343.18 |

Respectfully submitted
Nancy Jarvis

# Officers

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ALA Representative ..... Lee Zimmerman
University of Idaho
Moscow, Idaho

Editor of Idaho Librarian ..... Arthur L. DeVolder
Twin Falls Public Library
Twin Falls, Idaho

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Library Education Committee.....Eli Oboler
Idaho State College Library
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# Editorial Notes

With the sudden departure of our State Librarian, Henry Drennan, to the hallowed halls of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, your present editor has undertaken the task of working with the Idaho State Library staff in publishing the IDAHO LIBRARIAN. This task will be continued until such a time as the new state librarian is appointed and well initiated into his varied responsibilities. Consequently the editor is calling upon all librarians, trustees and interested persons to present articles and news to be published in the January issue on or before December 15, 1961 directly to him.

Most of the news in this current issue will be devoted to the proceedings of the Sun Valley conference last May, plus news-notes from Idaho libraries; and with this opening statement it is appropriate to announce that all of us will miss Henry Drennan. Those of us that knew Henry prior to his sojourn in Idaho know that he is a willing and dedicated worker and very interested in library development. This is evidenced in his work as a county librarian in Oregon and as a partner in the now nationally-known PNLA Library Survey Project. He was given a scroll in recognition of his efforts on behalf of the PNLA Survey just recently at the conference in Eugene. We will miss Henry and the splendid work he did in Idaho and hope that the groundwork he laid for expansion and improvement of libraries in Idaho will be continued. However, knowing the importance of his new position as Public Librarian Specialist, Library Services Branch, Office of Education, we know that the good wishes of all Idahoans and librarians througout the nation go with him and that all wish him continued success in his work as a librarian and government official. We know he will make everyone conscious of the importance of American librarianship and libraries.

To learn more about the impact of the American public library in our society a pamphlet written by Helen E. Wessells for the Library Services Department, "The Public Library" which can be obtained from the U.S. Superintendent of Documents for twenty cents is a real buy. Coupled with the U. S. Deparment of Agriculture's Farmer's Bulletin Number 2142" issued in September 1959 entitled "Library Service for Rural People" there are two propaganda pamphlets that carry a lot of meaning.

On the book scene there are two items worthy of mention . . . which are for Idaho-minded persons. "The Fleet Rabble" by Frank Borden Hanes and published by Page. A fictionalized tale about the Nez Perce Indians and Chief Joseph it should prove popular; and also another Glenn Balch book "Spotted Horse" an Appaloosa tale for juveniles published this past month by Crowell.

"National Children's Book Week" was November 12-18 this year. Peter Burchard designed the poster.

Winner of the Young Reader's Choice Award given annually by the Pacific Northwest Library Association is "Danny Dunn and the Homework Machine" by Jay Williams and Raymond Abraskin.

"The Library Image" and "The Librarian Image" are being studied in Missouri and California respectively. The idea is to get the public impression of the unit of service and those responsible for the library services. Surely the public is aware that the library of today is a prototype of any up-to-date pro-

fessional worker; and that libraries are as efficient as any corporation research department. Or have libraries and librarians been falling down on the job of making their work and services important to the community? How do you and your library measure up?

The Editor

# On the ALA Front

Lee Zimmerman, ALA Councilor

This report, presented as briefly as possible, is designed to inform the membership of the State Association on ALA activities and to bring it up to date on current pending legislation in Congress.

It is indeed gratifying to record that five Idaho librarians and one board member were in Cleveland last July to attend the annual conference of the American Library Association. This is an unusually high attendance record when viewed in terms of the extensive span that separates Idaho from the Ohio metropolis.

Cleveland proved to be an ideal city for the conference. The weather throughout the week was remarkably comfortable; the large auditorium was spacious and the exhibits, occupying two floors of this building, were of a high order, informative and worth viewing. The agenda itself was characterized by serious and dedicated effort. There was, as usual, such a proliferation of meetings of all kinds that no one, if so inclined could attend but a fraction of those scheduled. The limitations of space in these columns preclude anything resembling a detailed report. Only a few main highlights of wide, general interest will be noted here. Those interested will be able to cover the conference fully in a subsequent issue of the **ALA Bulletin.**

The most important business to come before the Council was a report by the committee on Membership recommending an upward revision of the dues schedule. This report engendered strong feelings and was discussed by Council members at some length. Proponents of the issue argued, and rightly, that the ALA required increasing revenue to carry on its manifold functions and that the only way to do the job was to up membership dues or else drastically curtail its activities. Opponents, on the other hand, felt that the dues schedule was arbitary and excessive and would seriously curtail subsequent ALA affiliation.

This representative, like so many others on the Council, had mixed feelings over the new dues schedule. While convinced that the Association needed a considerably larger income to meet the membership's increasing activities, he felt that the dues scale was on a too precipitous scale—particularly for librarians in a state such as Idaho. Nevertheless, after much soul searching and in the absense of other proposals to raise ALA income, he cast his vote for the new schedule.

The Council approved another recommendation empowering the Association to sponsor National Library Week for another five years. Affirmative action by the Council on this proposal was, in the opinion of this Council member, a very gratifying development. Regardless of some obvious defects in the sponsorship and observance of National Library Week, and despite some valid criticism, it seemed obvious to Council that its advantages overshadowed its disadvantages and that its benefits, both tangible and

intangible, focused wide public attention on books and libraries.

Another important matter, the segregation issue, was brought before Council and, in the discussion that ensued, the chairman of the ALA Committee on Intellectual Freedom presented the Committee's recommendations which supported and strengthened the principles earlier propounded by ALA on racial integration. In substance the recommendations called for (1) a "professional and scientific" study of equal access to library facilities by all to libraries everywhere; (2) an amendment to the ALA Constitution making it mandatory for institutional members of the Association to accept the principal of free access to libraries or give up their membership; and (3) a survey of state library associations to make sure that there is no restriction of membership because of nationality, religion, race or political views; and that their practices in this regard conform to the ALA Constitution.

There were other eventful matters presented to the Council which, while important and consequential in their way, are perhaps not of the same relative significance to Idaho librarians as those noted above. They are therefore omitted here.

Passing along to ALA on the Washington front, it is of interest to record that on July 31 the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare reported out a new bill, S.2345, to extend and improve the National Defense Education Act, which now replaces S.1726. The bill adds a new Title X—"Strengthening School Library Resources Needed for Searching and Learning," which incorporates ALA's proposals for acquisition of college library materials and strengthening school library resources and services.

In relation to **Part A—Library Programs in Public Elementary Secondary Schools,** the bill authorizes $30,000,000 for fiscal 1962 and each of the three succeeding years for grants to State Educational Agencies to assist them in establishing and maintaining programs of library services in public elementary or secondary schools. Allotment will be on a school-age population basis, with a minimum of $50,000 to each state. Submission and approval of state plans are required and all projects must be approved by the State Educational Agency for:

1. Acquisition of library materials and library equipment suitable for use in providing resources for teaching and learning.
2. Establishment or improvement of local school library supervisory services.
3. Minor remodeling of existing space.
4. Establishment or improvement of state agency supervisory services.
5. Administration of the state plan. (The state plan would also provide for establishment of State Standards for public elementary and secondary school libraries, set forth principles for determining priority among project applications, and provide an opportunity for hearing before the State Educational Agency to any project applicant.)

In relation to **Part B—Library Training Institutes,** section 1011 authorizes appropriations of $5,000,000 in fiscal 1962 and $7,500,000 for each of the next three years for the operation of institutes to provide training to improve the qualifications of school librarians or other library personnel. Those qualified to attend institutes would receive stipends of $75 per week plus $15 per week for each dependent.

In relation to **Part C—Library**

**Grants to Institutions of Higher Education,** section 1021 authorizes appropiations of $10,000,000 for fiscal 1962 and each of the next three years for grants to institutions of higher education to assist and encourage them in the acquistion for library purposes of books (excluding text books), periodicals, documents, and other related materials, including necessary binding.

Section 1022 stipulates that the amount granted to each institution each fiscal year is not to exceed 25% of the amount it expended during fiscal 1961 for library materials and bindings. Section 1023 proscribes divinity schools and theological schools from receiving such grants.

Copies of this bill and the report may be requested direct from either one of Idaho's senators. It should be unnecessary to point out that letters to our Senators urging a favorable vote on S.2345, including the Library Title, are of transcendent importance at this time. When you write to our Senators it would be highly desirable to express your special appreciation to the members of the labor and Welfare Committee who supported the Library Title.

If this bill passes Congress it will be of tremendous help in stimulating and strengthening Idaho's School and College Libraries. This is a bill all Idaho librarians need and must have. Let all of us go to bat for its passage.

Another bill before Congress this session which is of considerable importance to libraries is H.R.-8141, a bill introduced by Representative Wayne Hays (D. Ohio) to amend the depository laws. (Passed by House late in August). It is on the consent calandar of the House and is expected to be called up for vote in August. The companion bill in the Senate is S.2029 but no action has been taken to date. It is now pending in the Senate Committee on Rules and Administration. As written these bills provide for: one hundred new depositories; elimination of postage payments by libraries; regional libraries; permissive microfacsimilies to be issued by the Superintendent of Documents.

This bill also deserves to pass and merits the active support of Idaho librarians.

# News Notes of Idaho Libraries

### Idaho State Library

Statewide attention on radio, television and newspapers was given Mr. Drennan's resignation as State Librarian, effective September 29, 1961. Be assured that members of our staff will be among the first to miss him. His tenure extended through two years and much activity toward library development in our state resulted from interest spurred on by his plan for library development in Idaho. His new post will take him to Washington, D.C. as Public Library Specialist in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. There he will partake in research on public libraries and compile various publications for the Library Services Branch. He will also take part in conferences and workshops on continuing education. In the interim period Mrs. Rachel Fenske, formerly Assistant State Librarian, was appointed Acting State Librarian by the Idaho State Library Board and plans to continue right along with Mr. Drennan's mode of development.

The staff extends best wishes to the Drennans and we hope they

will enjoy their new home on the east coast.

A limited number of brochures describing material aids for Book Week are available at Idaho State Library.

**Ada County**

In September the first Ada County Community Library was organized and Mrs. Art Marshall will head the Administrative Library Board.

Actual operation will start early in October with a collection from the Idaho State Library consisting of books selected for readers of all ages. Additional books from State Library may be requested through the Community Library.

A workshop in library methods was attended by volunteers from Jackson, Cole, Koelsch, Mountain View and Ustick areas. Administrative techniques recommended by the Extension Service of the Idaho State Library were reviewed. Mrs. Rachel Fenske, Acting State Librarian attended the meeting. Mrs. Dorothy Bosselman gave a very inspirational talk.

Space for the library was offered by the Rev. Ernie Harrison in the activity room of the Church of the Brethren on Cole Road at Settlers Lane.

This arrangement is only considered as an interim project until county-wide service becomes available.

**Caldwell Carnegie**

The Carnegie Public Library is conducting its second rapid reading course for adults. The course is offered by the library as a public service. The cost is $10.00. It is reported that a similar course in larger cities would involve a fee of as much as $100.00. Caldwell Lions Club presented $250.00 to the Library for purchase of a rapid-reading device.

**Genealogical Library**

H. J. Swinney, Historical Society Director is happy to announce that the Genealogical Library is now open on a full time basis. Researchers will be admitted from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.—Tuesday through Friday, and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

**Madison County Library District**

Mr. Karl Klingler resigned as Treasurer of the Board, and Mr. Don Grover, a bookkeeper has consented to be their new Treasurer. Mr. Klingler will remain as a member of the Board.

**Meridian Public Library**

A style show conducted by Alpha Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Meridian will go to the Meridian Public Library to buy additional books.

**Nampa Carnegie Library**

Printed recently in the Nampa Free Press was a 2/3 page two color ad on services offered at Nampa's Carnegie Library. The ad contained seven pictures describing highlights of borrowers' conveniences at the library. They endeavor to refresh their patrons with more than books, i.e.; ice water (coldest in town), art exhibits, etc.

**Northern Idaho**

The Lewiston area was well represented at P.N.L.A. Attending were Miss Edythe Sampson, County Librarian, Miss Grace Baldwin, Lewis-Clark Normal School Librarian, and Mrs. Edward Sanman, Librarian, Lewiston Carnegie Library.

**Pocatello Public Library**

Attending the 51st Annual Conference of P.N.L.A. was Mrs. Anna Green, Assistant Librarian in the children's room.

**Salmon Public Library**

Mrs. Charles Carpenter was elected chairman of the Library Board at their meeting held recently. Mrs. Carpenter replaces Mrs. Orville Brenneman, who has served as Chairman of the Board for years.

**Twin Falls Public Library**

The Twin Falls public library is pleased to be able to exhibit fourteen reproductions of Aaron Bohrod's paintings which were used for lead illustrations in Look Magazine's "The Religions of America" series. The reproductions were put on display on October 2 and remained in the library's gallery until October 28. Arthur L. DeVolder, library director, appeared on KLIX-TV and told about the background of the reproductions on a mid-day interview over Magic Valley's television station. Newspapers also gave wide publicity of the event.

Miss Dorothy G. Dohm, children's librarian, also appeared on a program two week's previously to discuss the children's department of the library.